

## You Do Make a Difference!

The DNR Fire Department Advisory Council is a group of people from Wisconsin's fire service community appointed by the DNR to offer grassroots guidance to the Division of Forestry on the direction and structure of its forest fire protection organization, operations, and grant programs. The Co-Chair of the Council is DNR's Cooperative Forest Fire Specialist who is also a member of a volunteer fire department. As council members they:

- **Advise** the Department on funding issues for the grant program.
- **Recommend** ranking and scoring guidelines for Department fire suppression grants.
- **Meet** with appropriate legislative committees about funding issues for fire suppression grant programs:
- **Evaluate** the effectiveness of DNR fire suppression grant programs by working with region and bureau staff.
- **Work with DNR** staff to develop policy and guidance for the DNR fire suppression grant programs.

You can make a difference by voicing your ideas and concerns to:

### DNR Fire Department Advisory Council Co-Chair

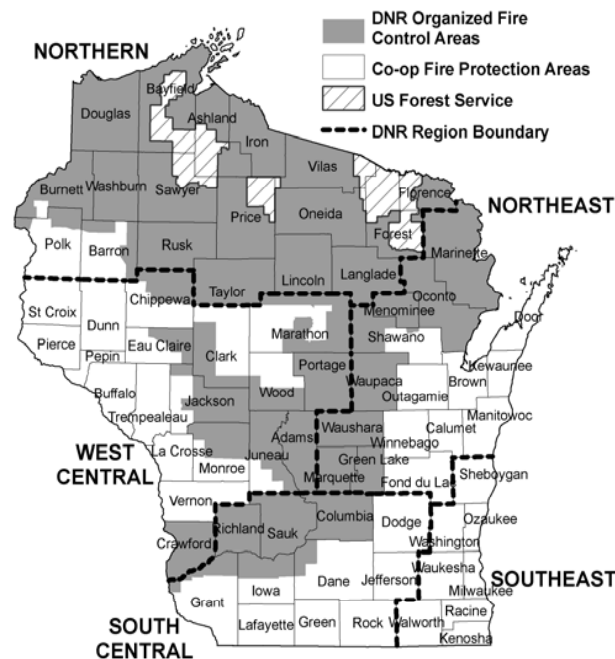
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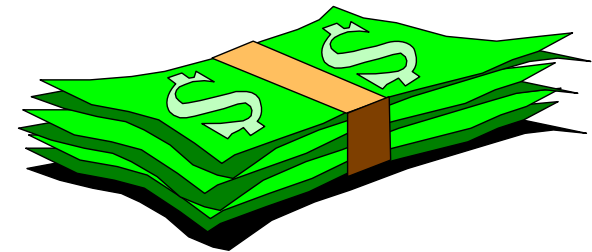
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## Fire Department Wildland Training for Cooperative Areas ~ New & Free

Instructors are now available to teach an 8-hour DNR course, "Introduction to Wildland Fire Suppression for Wisconsin Fire Departments". This course, funded by the DNR Division of Forestry, is designed to offer firefighters the information they need to safely suppress wildland fires in Wisconsin. A broader range of wildland fire topics is also available as requested by fire departments to meet their needs and time constraints. Interested departments should contact Chris Klahn, DNR's Cooperative Forest Fire Specialist.



## Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grants



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## What is the Forest Fire Protection grant program?

The Forest Fire Protection (FFP) grant program was created by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27 and is supported by annual appropriations from the Wisconsin State Legislature every biennium.

The purpose of the FFP grant program is to strengthen the Department of Natural Resources' initial attack fire suppression capabilities for forest fires by increasing the use of local fire departments and other fire suppression organizations.

The FFP grant program is a competitive 50/50 cost share program. This means that the grantee must use its own resources to fund the entire cost of the project. Upon project completion and Department approval, the grantee requests reimbursement for 50 percent of the total eligible project costs up to the amount of the grant award.

## Who can apply?

An **individual fire department** in the state of Wisconsin can apply for a FFP grant if it has entered into a forest fire suppression agreement with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

**County/area fire associations** can apply if a majority of their fire department members serve organized forest fire control areas designated by the DNR.

## What can a fire department or county fire association buy with FFP grant funds?

The FFP program provides grant funding to purchase the following categories of equipment, listed in priority order:

- Personal protective equipment (must meet NFPA 1977 standards)
- Forest fire training
- Forest fire prevention materials
- Forest fire suppression tools, equipment, supplies and materials
- Dry hydrants
- Communication equipment for forest fire suppression or protection
- Mapping, rural numbering systems or direction/location devices such as GPS
- Off-road all-wheel drive vehicles of ½ to 5 ton capacity, including ATVs, that are used primarily for forest fire suppression (vehicles limited only to **individual fire department** applications)

Maximum **fire department** award: \$10,000 – To receive the maximum grant award, a project must have at least \$20,000 in eligible project costs.

Minimum **fire department** grant award: \$750 – To receive the minimum grant award, a project must have at least \$1,500 in eligible project costs.

Maximum **county fire association** grant award: \$25,000 – To receive the maximum grant award, a project must have at least \$50,000 in eligible project costs.

Minimum **county fire association** grant award: \$5,000 – To receive the minimum grant award, a project must have at least \$10,000 in eligible project costs.

## What is the FFP application deadline?

**July 1** is the **postmark deadline date** to submit an application to the DNR. Application information is mailed to fire departments and county fire associations statewide in April. The FFP grant application packet is also available on the DNR website:  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/lr/ffp/grants.html>

If a fire department or county fire association does not receive a grant application or would like more information, contact:

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